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- 1. The chief of the Thuringian Border Police is Polizeirat KORMISHUS in Weimar, whose office is divided into a number of Hauptkommandanturen, each of which in turn controls three Border Police Kommandanturen. These Kommandanturen are in turn in control of various numbers of Postenorte. Personnel of a Hauptkommandantur consist of a chief, three supervisory officials, two administrative secretaries and two or three drivers; personnel of a Kommandantur consist of a chief, one supervisory official who makes inspection visits to the Postenorte, one administrative secretary, and one or two drivers: separate Posten generally consist of between ten and twenty men. When the Border Police were recently moved into barracks, men from two or three towns were brought together as housing facilities permitted; as a result, some towns are now unoccupied, while in others thirty or more men are billeted.
- 2. The organization of one Thuringian Border Police Hauptkommandantur is as follows:
  - a. (Hauptkommandantur Hildburghausen (Chief,) Inspektor Epperatelh)N)

(1) Kommandantur Hildburghausen

(a) Postenorte: Westhausen

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(2) Kommandantur Vielsdorf

(a) Postenorte: Vielsdorf

Hetschbach

Massenhausen

Schackendorf

Harras

Bockstadt

Herbartswind

Heid

(3) (Kommandantur Heldburg (Chief, Kommissar National)

(a) Postenorte: Schlechtsart

Rieth

Albinghausen

Schweikershausen

Gompertshausen

Kaesslitz

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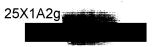
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3. For a period of six months, a Border Police recruit has the status of a Polizeianwaerter; he is then accepted for employment as a Schutzmann, with one star on the shoulder tabs as insignia of rank. Higher ranks, in ascending order, are:

Oberschutzmann, with insignia of two stars; Kommissar, with white shoulder tabs and a silver cord on the cap; Oberkommissar, with one star on white shoulder tabs; Inspektor, with two stars; and Oberinspektor or Polizeirat, with plaited shoulder straps.

The highest police rank, Ministerialrat, does not occur in the Border Police.

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4. The Thuringian Border Police is under the control of the SMA. The Soviet commander for the Hauptkommandantur in Hildburghausen is a Lieutenant Colonel commanding a Russian battalion. Russian troops stationed at Kommandanturen and border Posten make up this battalion. In addition to battalion headquarters at Hildburghausen (twenty to thirty men), company headquarters (twenty to thirty men) are located at Hildburghausen, Vielsdorf and Heldburg. Lower units (numbers not given) are scattered among the border Posten.

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#### Comment:

- Para 1 Polizeirat Korrisius earlier was identified as Carfezius, Oberpolizeirat of the Schutzpolizei in Weimar and as Charisius, Commander of Thuringian Border Police; former police director in Gera; former Luftwaffe major and holder of the Ritterkreuz.)
- Para 2 Undoubtedly refers to 6th Border Police Inspectorate, Hildburghausen, earlier reported to have three kommandanturen with 15 men each, and 48 border squads, each consisting of 10 men.)